



Tipton First United Methodist Church

Welcome to Worship

5:00 pm

December 24, 2017

Together We Come Into God's PRESENCE

** Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit. (Items in **bold** spoken by congregation)*

PRELUDE

Mary Savelkoul & Dusty Johnson

(The Light of Christ enters our worship)

(Let this be a time when you prepare your heart for worship.)

WELCOME

* PASSING CHRISTMAS PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE

"Joy to the World"

No. 246

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Ange, Patrick, & Lauren Catanese

FROM A CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW "Guess Who's Coming for Christmas" Pastor Jenny

(The pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions. Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

God Calls Us to PRAY

(The paper insert in your bulletin includes space to write prayer concerns.)

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 230

We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

* SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20 (NRSV)

Pastor Jenny

Leader: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"The Gift of Jesus"

Pastor Jenny

Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of GIFTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Emma Russell

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

We Are Sent Forth for God's SERVICE to the World

SONG OF SENDING

"Silent Night" (Lighting of Candles)

No. 239

BLESSING AND SENDING

* POSTLUDE

Mary Savelkoul & Dusty Johnson

Please join us for refreshments in the Gathering Place after worship. Everyone is welcome!

Today's Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers Needed
Children's Lesson: Pastor Jenny
Liturgist: Pastor Jenny
Ushers: TBD
Greeters: Chris & Abby VanScoy

PowerPoint: Ethan Seylar
Fellowship Coffee: Barb Rickard
Advent Candle: Ange, Patrick &
Lauren Catanese
Communion Stewards: Heil Family

This Week

Sunday, Dec 24

10:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Worship

Monday/Tuesday, Dec 25 & 26

Office Closed

In case of emergency call the church office and leave a message

Wednesday Dec 27

1:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, Dec 28

8:00 am Holy Folders
10:00 am GIG (CANCELED)
6:30 pm Chaos

Saturday, Dec 30

11:00 am Shared Blessings

Sunday, Dec 31

9:45 am Fellowship
10:00 am Worship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Prayers

Hospitalized/Procedures: Arlene Errthum, Jan Esbeck, Sylvia Gould, Myrna (Lorna Muller's sis), Cheryl Person

Healing: Nick Brown, Jerry Ferguson, Bob Gould, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Erma Lyle, Deborah Lowry, Lynn McIntosh, Ken McKay, Randy Nau, Mike Smith, Marjorie Stonerook, Rhonda Waugh, Brady (Sherry Willey's grandson), and others.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions: Sylvia & Ken Gould

Individuals & Families experiencing loss. Pastor Jenny and Family, Marv & Kay Miller, Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson, Twyla Hein & Kim Cross, Jon, Lana & Reba Williams

In Treatment: Clara Italiano, Lee McNeil (Kim Rogstad's bro), Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Reba Williams

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshaeck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey & Alexa Ormsby, Chris Paul, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's nephew), Dave Russell

Budget:

General Fund \$5,454.85
Apportionments \$2,015.00
Caring Ministry \$20.00

Leaving a Legacy \$15.00
Missions \$15.00
Christmas Offering \$75.00
Copper Kettle \$137.99
GRAND TOTAL \$7,732.84

Join us for Worship in 2018: The Cycle of Grace Series

Are you soul-weary? Do you struggle to make time for God in the midst of a packed schedule? Or do you sometimes stay so busy doing things for God that you can't relax and just "be"? We can learn the rhythm of living that Jesus demonstrates throughout the Gospels--the Cycle of Grace. *The Cycle of Grace* is a rhythm that allows for rest and renewal keeping us deeply rooted in God's love even as we work hard. *The Cycle of Grace* examines 4 components of a grace-filled life:

Acceptance, Sustenance, Significance, Fruitfulness

(From <https://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/the-cycle-of-grace>)

January 7	The Gift of Seeing Jesus-Epiphany Sunday	Matthew 2: 1-12 CEB
January 14	The Cycle of Grace: Acceptance	Ephesians 2: 1-10 CEB
January 28	The Cycle of Grace: Sustenance	2 Corinthians 12: 8-10 CEB
February 4	The Cycle of Grace: Identity	Romans 3: 21-26 CEB
February 11	The Cycle of Grace: Achievement	Ephesians 2: 1-10 CEB



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5:00 pm Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Welcome visitors – We’re glad you’re here. If you’ve not been here before, relax. We aren’t going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself.

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children, and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children’s activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a children’s table in the balcony, a special children’s time, “From a Child’s Point of View,” and children’s bulletins are on the back table. The easiest way to get to the nursery is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal** or Bulletin. Inside this bulletin is an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service. A fellowship time with refreshments is offered in the Gathering Place at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!